

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

February 9, 1999
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ron Krosting, Acting Chairman, Mesa
Stephanie Bondeson for Jess Jarvis, ADOT
Jim Badowich for William Bates, Avondale
*Phil Hughes, Cave Creek
Ty Hofflander, Chandler
Warren Sparks, Gila Bend
*Gary Thomas, Gilbert
Grant Anderson, Glendale
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear
*Susanna Struble, Guadalupe
Chris Turner for George Flanagan,
Litchfield Park

Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
*Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
Burton Charron for Dan Nissen, Peoria
Don Herp, Phoenix
*Dick Schaner, Queen Creek
*Larry Keeler, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
Alex McLaren, Scottsdale
Larry Shobe for Harvey Friedson, Tempe
Manuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
*Don Needham, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

David Jeffers, ADOT
Anne MacCracken, MAG

Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by the Acting Chairman, Ron Krosting.

2. Approval of the January 12, 1999 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 12, 1999 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 1999 through 2003 and the Federal Fund Balances

Anne MacCracken referred to Attachment One. Ms. MacCracken stated that \$2 million in MAG-STP funds was obligated in January of this year. Ms. MacCracken also stated that approximately \$15.4 million in obligation authority is expected to be available for programming in FY 1999. Referring to the second part of Attachment One, Ms. MacCracken commented that to date Mesa has not submitted the paper work to ADOT for the bus ramp project.

4. Status of the Draft FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Paul Ward stated that at the end of this week the Draft 2000-2004 TIP will be finished and, next week, will be sent out to the TRC. Ms. MacCracken distributed blank MAG TIP forms. Mr. Ward commented that the funding questionnaire is due by the end of June. The Chairman asked if MAG will notify jurisdictions if their projects did not receive federal funding. Mr. Ward answered yes.

5. Report on the MAG Unprogrammed Federal Funds for the Fiscal Years 1999-2004

Mr. Ward distributed three sheets. Mr. Ward stated that the first, "Street Projects, Three Year TRC Formula Option," represented the TRC recommended target for each mode. Mr. Ward continued to say that the total for each year was an average of \$17 million and, in years where seventeen million was not available, a proportion was used for each mode. Mr. Ward commented that current staff recommendations were to program only three years for federal funds. Chris Plumb asked if the federal share was automatically increased to the limit for existing projects and Mr. Ward answered that only if a jurisdiction requested the increase. Mr. Plumb inquired if the cost of the dirt road stabilization program increase is not approved then will the federal fund share be increased to the full amount. Mr. Ward agreed that it would. The Chairman asked about the projects programmed for FY 2004 and if it is proper to rank FY 1999 projects with the next three years. Grant Anderson commented that priorities change each year for jurisdictions.

In the second hand out "Street Projects, Three Year Staff Options," Mr. Ward stated that all existing MAG federally funded projects (including Street projects) were accelerated to the earliest possible year. Mr. Ward continued to say that this option has not made a big difference for street projects. Mr. Ward explained that the third handout gives examples of how proposed changes in the federal matching rate would affect new projects. Mr. Ward commented that this change was intended to discourage submission of large projects. Mr. Anderson asked when these changes would go into effect. Mr. Ward answered that the TRC proposed these changes for new projects in FY 2001 and beyond and the exception would be existing projects already programmed. There was discussion about this proposed change in federal matching share. The Chairman asked if the Committee would like to take a stand against this proposal. Mr. Anderson asked that this issue be placed on next month's agenda.

Mr. Ward stated that LTAP is unlikely to be listed as a specific projects since it is part of the Unified Planning and Work Program document. The Chairman commented that the Committee has already agreed to forward the proposal to fund LTAP and no further action is necessary.

6. GIS Training for Highway Performance Monitoring System Data Entry System

Ms. MacCracken stated that the dates for the training course are February 23 and 24, 1999 and the second session will be held on February 25 and 26, 1999. Ms MacCracken commented that there is plenty of room and to please sign up, if jurisdictions have not already done so.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.